

I am outraged by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is just one more clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. "Stolen Honor" is not news -- it is a partisan smear against John Kerry which Sinclair intends to broadcast in a clear attempt to influence the election. It is a serious violation of journalistic integrity and ethics. It is imperative that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter -- real news not fake news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.